

Sickle Cell Program

Possible Complications from Sickle Cell Disease

- Pain episodes
- Strokes
- Increased infections
- Anemia (low red blood cell count)
- Aplastic crisis (bone marrow shuts down due to infections, etc.)
- Early gallstones
- Lung blockage
- Pneumonia
- Meningitis
- Kidney damage and loss of body water in urine
- Blood blockage in the spleen or liver (sequestration)
- Eye damage
- Delayed growth
- Swollen hands and feet